

REMARKS

This amendment is submitted in response to the Advisory Action dated February 17, 2006. Claims 1-17 remain pending in the application. Claims 7-14, 16, and 17 were allowed, and claims 1-6 and 15 stand rejected. Claim 1 has been amended herein.

Applicant would like to thank the Examiner, Robert A. Hopkins, for the Personal Interview conducted on March 7, 2006, with Applicants' representatives, David W. Dorton and Charles J. Brauch. During the interview Examiner Hopkins agreed that amending claim 1 to recite "powder feed device" would overcome the references of record. Claim 1 has now been amended in accordance with the Personal Interview. Applicant therefore respectfully submits that all claims are now in a condition for allowance over the references of record and therefore respectfully requests a Notice of Allowability indicating the same.

Reconsideration of the present application is respectfully requested. The Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned to expedite issuance of this application.

Applicant does not believe any other fees are due in connection with filing this response. However, if any fees are necessary, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any underpayment or fees associated with this communication or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 23-3000.

Respectfully submitted,

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